

Rugby: Ireland V England11th February 1957

Dublin: A record crowd watched this clash of unbeaten teams as England (in white) kicked off against Ireland, at Lansdowne Road.

And right from the start, the match followed the now-familiar International pattern - an all-out forward battle - with the fiery Irish storming into an opening attack.

Ireland stayed on top, and when England lost Peter Thompson (through injury), it looked as though their post-war run of defeat in Ireland would continue. (.)

Then came the encouragement that England sorely needed, as their upskill ~~task~~, as Jackson burst through to score a great try.

Into the second half - and heartened by that vital three point lead, the seven-man English pack battled on with great courage - and actually dominated the exchanges.

So it was a just reward when England went further ahead - through a penalty goal by Challis.

This brought a last-ditch Irish effort - but England held on - to win by six points to nil, their first post-war victory in Ireland. Now, it's Scotland, at Twickenham, for that Triple Crown.